

This exhibit features photographs of the Shelton State Community College's Skyland Campus location.

In 1972, Brewer State Junior College personnel from Fayette began teaching academic classes in Tuscaloosa. One hundred and twelve students were enrolled. Dr. Charles Davis was the President of Brewer State Junior College in Fayette.

From 1972 to 1974, Brewer State Junior College personnel taught night classes in classrooms at Shelton State Technical College on 15th Street. During this time, the college provided bus services to students in its multi-county service area and bused students from Tuscaloosa to the campus in Fayette. Realizing that it is less expensive to send instructors to Tuscaloosa, the college hired part-time instructors and offered additional classes at night at Shelton State Technical College. Nearly 150 students were enrolled in the winter 1973 and spring 1974 classes, and 100 students were enrolled in the summer 1974 classes. During the summer 1974, lab classes for chemistry and biology were taught at Tuscaloosa County High School.

Once the college began to offer a larger range of classes and services in Tuscaloosa, in August of 1974, BSJC rented the old Jemison Elementary School building, located in front of the Rosedale Baptist Church on Greensboro Avenue. Thirteen courses were offered during the day, four days a week, and 12 night courses were also offered.

In July 1977, the BSJC Tuscaloosa Teaching Center moved into an industrial warehouse building located on Skyland Blvd. The junior college continued to operate as a branch of Brewer State Junior College in Fayette until January 1979 when the State Board of Education removed the branch campus from Brewer State control and merged it with Shelton State Technical College on Fifteenth Street.

The name of the Skyland Campus location of Shelton State was changed from "Junior College" to "Community College".

Counting both the Brewer State years and the Shelton State years, the Skyland campus operated from July 1977 until its' closing in August 1997, when the college moved to the new Martin Campus in Taylorville.

These photos reveal the facilities of the Skyland Campus during the 20 years of its operation. Many of the photos were taken in 1979 and the early 1980s.

Note: Descriptions below begin in the Periodicals Room, left to right 1-4, then go around corner for 5-12.

PHOTO 1: View from east parking lot of the front parking lot and **front of the building**. In August **1985**, a \$142,000 renovation of the interior and front exterior of the Skyland Blvd. building was completed. This included the large columns seen along the porch on the building front

PHOTO 2: Skyland Campus. **Child Development Center**. About **1986**

PHOTO 3: **Center Hallway** of the expanded building. Early **1980s**. These classrooms were primarily for the Humanities division. The science laboratories were located in the original, west-wing building.

PHOTO 4: **Skyland Campus Auditorium**. Stackable chairs were used for seating so they could be removed and the area used for a variety of events. Late **1970s**.

PHOTO 5: View of **front of building** from the west side of the parking lot. About Summer **1986**. On the left side of the photo is the west wing entrance (original building with science labs hallway). In the center of the photo, the tall columns indicate the Main entrance to the building (leads into the large, wide center hallway of the building) with humanities classrooms

PHOTO 6: **Skyland Campus Library**, about August **1977**. Notice card catalog cabinets and newspaper racks.

PHOTO 7: **Front of Building and Parking Lot** of Shelton State Community College in January **1979**. This is the original space occupied by the college on the west side of the building. Gradually, the college expended into a vacated department store located next door, and later into the entire shopping center building.

PHOTO 8: **Child Development Center 1982** located at the Tuscaloosa South Church of the Nazarene, Greensboro Avenue, Tuscaloosa, AL. Back row (l-r) Unidentified, **Carolyn Edwards, Dr. Allen Mallory**, Unidentified, and Unidentified. Unidentified persons are thought to be student assistants.

PHOTO 9: Skyland Campus. **Cashier's Window.**

PHOTO 10: **Highway Sign with Marquee** located in front of the college at 202 Skyland Blvd. Early **1980s**. Library personnel were responsible for keeping the announcement board updated.

PHOTO 11: Shelton State **Wellness Center** located in a neighborhood near the campus. About **1988**.

PHOTO 12: Shelton State **New Options Program** and Shelton State **Student Support Programs**. The rented house was located in the neighborhood near the college.

About the Shelton State Archives

The Shelton State Archives Online is a Shelton State Libraries Preservation Project. Its goal is to collect, digitize, and create an online database of documents and photographs related to the history of the college. The focus is to preserve the history of the college and make it accessible to researchers, historians, and the general public.

The project began in August 2012. The first items to be digitized were the complete run of the college's student newspaper, *The Courier*, dating from 1997 to 2009. Newspaper issues began appearing online in late October 2012.

Access the Shelton State Archives at <https://sites.google.com/site/sheltonstatearchives/>

Also, there is a link to the Archives on the Libraries webpage.

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of the
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